

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Department of Water
Resources, San Joaquin Field
Division
4201 Sabodan Street, Bakersfield, CA 93313

County Clerk

County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: WRPP Light Pole Installation

Project Applicant: Department of Water Resources, San Joaquin Field Division

Project Location – Specific:

Entry gate: 35°02'08.0"N 119°00'38.6"W

Project Location – City: Mettler

Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

San Joaquin Field Division plans to install two solar powered light poles next to the Wheeler Ridge Pumping Plant (WRPP) entry gate. The new light poles will be installed two feet away from the existing light poles. To do this work, a hydro vac truck will be used to excavate two 24-inch diameter holes. Each hole would have a max depth of 6 feet. Wooden forms would be constructed around the holes. Sonotubes would also be used. Concrete would be mixed in a cement mixer and poured into the forms. After the light pole bases are installed, all forms will be removed. This work is anticipated to take at most two weeks to complete. All work would be completed within the DWR right-of-way. This work is necessary to provide more lighting at the entry gate.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: DWR- Operations & Maintenance

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)); 15301 (b)

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project consists of maintenance activities that support the function of the California Aqueduct and water delivery within the State Water Project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Elizabeth Maldonado Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661-858-5662

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Elizabeth Maldonado

Date: 03/23/26

Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist)

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____